

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit 3723
Assignor Carl Zeiss SMT AG
Examiner Maurina T. Rachuba
Attorney's Docket No. LO29-020
Title: Method and Apparatus for Aligning Optical Elements

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Applicant's representative held an interview with Examiner Maurina T. Rachuba on October 1, 2008. Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Rachuba for her time and attention to this matter.

Applicant's representative pointed out that Fig. 7 of the originally-filed application provides support for claims 29 and 31. The Examiner has agreed and states the pending §112 rejection against claims 29 and 31 will be withdrawn.

Applicant's representative next directed the Examiner's attention to Mandler's alleged teachings of the positively recited "connecting material." The pending office action (paper no. 20080508) states Mandler teaches a "seal and vacuum" and the Examiner relies on such teachings to allege the positively recited "connecting material" of

independent claim 16 is taught (pg. 4, first and second sentences of paper no. 20080508).

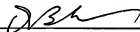
Applicant's representative pointed out that Mandler fails to teach a seal and that Mandler fails to teach a vacuum. The Examiner states she will reconsider this rejection.

Again, Applicant's representative would like to thank Rachuba for her time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10-1-08

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